

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for applying a marking to an object to be marked by irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on said object, comprising the steps of:

 selecting a material of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as a substrate of an object to be marked, interlaced fibers being contained in the PTFE as a filler~~being interlaced~~;

 irradiating a laser beam onto said marking position on said object to be marked to loosen the interlaced fibers adjacent to an irradiated surface of the PTFE and to fluff the irradiated surface of the PTFE; and

 setting a marking speed of 300 to 400 mm/s and a laser beam power of 2.4 to 7.2 W in an irradiating condition of a laser beam;

 whereby the irradiated surface of the PTFE exhibits a color tone different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE to form a marking with a white-based color.

Claim 2. (currently amended) A product marked by irradiating a laser beam onto a marking position on said object, comprising:

~~a material of~~ polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) as a substrate of an object to be marked, interlaced fibers being contained in the PTFE as a filler~~being interlaced~~;

 a surface of the PTFE being fluffed at said marking position of the irradiated object to be marked by loosening the interlaced fibers adjacent to the surface of the PTFE; and

 whereby the irradiated surface of the PTFE exhibits a color tone different from that of a non-irradiated surface of the PTFE to form a marking with a white-based color.